List of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A multimedia distribution kiosk comprising:

a first communication interface configured to receive, from a remote user, a multimedia request ~~for multimedia content~~ at a first speed;

a second communication interface configured to communicate with a multimedia content ~~provider~~ server at a second speed that is faster than the first speed;

a cache memory; and

a processor coupled to the first and second communication interfaces and the cache memory and configured to receive ~~indicia~~ an indication of the multimedia requests from the first communication interface, the processor being configured such that if the multimedia request is a request to download multimedia content, then the processor will ~~to~~ communicate information relating to the ~~indicia~~ indicator of the multimedia requests to ~~with~~ the multimedia content ~~provider~~ server through the second communication interface in response to receiving the request, ~~to~~ obtain the requested multimedia content through the second communication interface, ~~to~~ store the requested multimedia content in the cache memory, ~~and to~~ provide the requested multimedia content to the user as desired, the processor further configured such that if the multimedia request is a request to upload multimedia content, then the processor will receive a multimedia upload information from a user device through the first communication interface, connect to a multimedia content receiver, and transfer the multimedia upload information to the multimedia content receiver through the second communication interface.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide the multimedia content to the user from the multimedia content ~~provider~~ server in real time or near-real time.

4.   (Original) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to provide the multimedia content through a user interface, the user interface including at least one of a third

communication interface, and a digital storage device configured to store digital data on a tangible medium.

5.   (Previously Presented) The kiosk of claim 4 wherein the user interface is the digital storage device and is configured to write digital data to at least one of a compact disc, a digital video disc, and a digital audio tape.

6.   (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 4 wherein the user interface is the third communication interface and is configured to communicate with a user wirelessly.

7.   (Original) The kiosk of claim 6 wherein the third communication interface is configured to communicate with a user according to a short-range wireless protocol.

8.   (Original) The kiosk of claim 7 wherein the short-range wireless protocol is at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the WLAN (IEEE 802.11b) protocol.

9.   (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the first interface is configured to receive the remote multimedia request[[s]] for multimedia content through at least one of a wireless connection and a packet-switched wide-area network communication path.

10.   (Original) The kiosk of claim 9 wherein the first interface is configured to communicate wirelessly according to at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the IEEE 802.11b protocol.

11.   (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 1 wherein the processor is configured to use user information from the first communication interface to provide suggestions for multimedia associated with the user if the indicator of the multimedia request is a request to download multimedia content.

12.   (Currently Amended) The kiosk of claim 11 wherein the processor is configured to obtain the suggestions from the multimedia content ~~provider~~ server.

13.   (Original) The kiosk of claim 11 wherein the first communication interface is configured to provide as the user information at least one of information derived by the first communication interface from handshaking for a communication between the first communication interface and the user, information associated with a transmitting device used by the user supplied to the first communication interface from the transmitting device, and information supplied to the first communication interface by the user.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Cancelled)

16.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing multimedia data, the method comprising:

providing remote access, by a user device associated with a user, to a first multimedia distribution unit;

receiving a multimedia option from the user;

if the multimedia option is a request to download multimedia content, then:

communicating with the user device remotely at a first rate to provide to the user a list indicative of multimedia ~~options~~content, and to receive a selection by the user of desired multimedia content;

communicating information related to the selection to the multimedia server in response to receiving the selection;

communicating with ~~a~~ the multimedia server to download the desired multimedia content at a second rate to a second multimedia distribution unit, wherein the second rate is faster than the first rate;

caching the downloaded desired multimedia content in a the second multimedia distribution unit; and

providing, to the user device, the downloaded desired multimedia content from the second multimedia distribution unit.; and

if the multimedia option is a request to upload multimedia content, then:

receiving a multimedia upload information from the user device;

connecting to a multimedia content receiver; and

transferring the multimedia upload information to the multimedia content receiver from the user device.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the providing remote access includes providing access to the first multimedia distribution unit from a plurality of multimedia distribution units, to which unit access is provided is dependent on at least one of a selection indicated by a user, a current location of the user, and an expected future location of the user.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising:

obtaining user information to identify the user;

using the user information to obtain recommendations of multimedia data likely to be desired by the user; and

caching the recommendations;

wherein the communicating with the user includes providing the recommendations to the user.

19.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the downloaded content is provided by at least one of wirelessly communicating with a user device associated with the user, communicating through a physical connection with the user device, and storing the downloaded data on a storage medium and providing the medium to the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the downloaded content is provided wirelessly by communicating with the user device using a short-range wireless protocol.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein short-range wireless protocol is at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the WLAN (IEEE 802.11b) protocol.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the downloaded content is provided by storing the downloaded data on a storage medium, and wherein the medium is one of a cassette tape, a compact disc, a digital video disc, a digital audio tape, and a memory chip.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the first and second multimedia distribution units are separate multimedia distribution units.

24. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the communicating with the user device includes using a short-range wireless protocol.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein short-range wireless protocol is at least one of the Bluetooth (IEEE 802.11) protocol, the HiperLAN (IEEE 802.11a) protocol, the U-NII protocol, the IEEE 802.11a, and the WLAN (IEEE 802.11b) protocol.

26. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a multimedia server configured to provide multimedia data;
a multimedia receiver configured to receive multimedia data;
a distributed network of multimedia distribution devices coupled to the multimedia server and the multimedia receiver and configured to communicate with the server and receiver to obtain transfer desired multimedia data and configured to communicate with a remote user device to determine desired multimedia data;

wherein the server is configured to provide ~~the desired~~ multimedia data to a selected

distribution device, and the receiver is configured to receive multimedia data from the selected

distribution device, in accordance with future-location indicia indicative of a future location of

the user device.

27.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 26 wherein the distribution devices are

configured to provide the ~~desired~~ multimedia data in at least one of a wireline communication, a

wireless communication, and a physical storage medium.

28.   (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the medium is one of a cassette tape, a

compact disc, a digital video disc, a digital audio tape, and a memory chip.

29.   (Original) The system of claim 27 wherein the wireless communication is

according to a short-range wireless protocol.

30.   (Original) The system of claim 26 further comprising a location server configured

to provide present-location indicia indicative of a present location of the user device, and wherein

the network is configured to communicate with the user device via a distribution device

determined in accordance with the present location of the user device.

31.   (Original) The system of claim 26 further comprising a location server configured

to determine the future-location indicia in accordance with a present location of the user device, a

present speed of travel and a present direction of travel.

32.   (Original) The system of claim 26 wherein each distribution device is configured

to provide suggestions of multimedia data to the user device wherein the suggestions are

associated with a profile of a user, associated with the user device, and characteristics of

multimedia data available through the server.